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# News Release

## **ICE DEPORTS FORMER ECUADORIAN CUSTOMS DIRECTOR CONVICTED BY ECUADORIAN GOVERNMENT FOR EMBEZZLING \$1 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS**

MIAMI- A former Ecuadorian Customs Director and ordained priest, convicted by the Ecuadorian government for defrauding and embezzling \$1 million U.S. dollars, was deported this afternoon by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers.

Carlos Flores-Andrade, 56, who is expected to land in Quito, Ecuador this evening, will be turned over to Ecuadorian officials upon his arrival.

“Those who attempt to flee justice by hiding in the United States should know that they will be found,” said Riah Ramlogan, chief counsel for ICE in Miami. “Our country will not be used as a haven by criminals.”

ICE became aware of Flores-Andrade through an Interpol warrant for his arrest. Interpol had information that he was in the United States and requested ICE assistance in locating and arresting him. Flores-Andrade was arrested without incident on Nov. 19, 2003.

Flores-Andrade was charged by ICE special agents with entering the United States without valid documents and for being present in the United States in violation of law, because he had abandoned his residency. He was found ineligible for any form of immigration relief and was ordered removed by an impartial immigration judge. His subsequent appeal to the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) was dismissed on Nov. 21.

“We are very pleased with the outcome of Flores-Andrade’s case,” said Andres Barreiro-Vivas, consul general of Ecuador in Miami. “The results of this case are a testament to the excellent collaboration between the Ecuadorian government under President Palacio’s leadership and the men and women representing the American judicial system.”

ICE's Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) focuses on promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

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